

**NOTICE TO CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN AND PROCESSORS**

2004 Federal Groundfish Management Measures that Affect Fishermen in Federal and State Waters off California

**FIXED GEAR****LIMITED ENTRY****November – December****Most Groundfish (exceptions) Fishing With Non-Trawl Gear  
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North of 40°10' N. Latitude <sup>1/</sup>	NOV-DEC	South of 40°10' N. Latitude <sup>1/</sup>	NOV-DEC
Minor slope rockfish <sup>4/</sup>	4,000 lb/ 2 months	1 Minor slope rockfish <sup>4/</sup>	
Pacific ocean perch	1,800 lb/ 2 months	2 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	10,000 lb/ 2 months
Minor shelf rockfish <sup>4/</sup> Widow & Yellowtail Rockfish	200 lb/ month	3 South of 38° N. lat.	50,000 lb/ 2 months
Minor nearshore rockfish	5,000 lb/ 2 months, no more than 1,200 lb of which may be species other than black or blue rockfish <sup>6/</sup>	4 Splitnose	
Thornyheads		5 40°10' - 38° N. lat.	10,000 lb/ 2 months
Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb / 2 months	6 South of 38° N. lat.	50,000 lb/ 2 months
Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months	7 Minor shelf rockfish, Chilipepper and Widow rockfish <sup>4/</sup>	
Flatfish		9 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months
Dover sole	5,000 lb/ month	10 South of 34°27' N. lat.	2,000 lb/ 2 months
Arrowtooth flounder		12 Bocaccio	
Petrale sole		13 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months
Rex sole		14 South of 34°27' N. lat.	300 lb/ 2 months
All other flatfish <sup>2/</sup>		15 Minor nearshore rockfish	
Sablefish	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months	16 Shallow	300 lb/ 2 months
Whiting <sup>3/</sup>	10,000 lb/trip	17 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	
Lingcod <sup>7/</sup>	CLOSED <sup>5/</sup>	18 South of 34°27' N. lat.	
		19 Deep	
		20 40°10' - 34°27' N. lat.	500 lb/ 2 months
		21 South of 34°27' N. lat.	400 lb/ 2 months
		22 CA Scorpionfish	300 lb/ 2 months

Other Fish <sup>9/</sup>	Not limited	23	Thornyheads	
		24	Longspine thornyhead	10,000 lb / 2 months
		25	Shortspine thornyhead	2,000 lb/ 2 months
		26	Flatfish	
		27	Dover sole	5,000 lb/ month When fishing for Pacific sanddabs, vessels using hook-and-line gear with no more than 12 hooks per line, using hooks no larger than "Number 2" hooks, which measure 11 mm (0.44 inches) point to shank, and up to 1 lb (0.45 kg) of weight per line are not subject to the RCAs.
		28	Arrowtooth flounder	
		29	Petrale sole	
		30	Rex sole	
		31	All other flatfish <sup>2/</sup>	
		32	Sablefish	
		33	40°10' - 36° N. lat.	300 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 900 lb, not to exceed 3,600 lb/ 2 months
		34	South of 36° N. lat.	350 lb/ day, or 1 landing per week of up to 1,050 lb
		35	Whiting <sup>3/</sup>	10,000 lb/trip
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		37	Other Fish <sup>9/</sup>	Not limited

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3/ The whiting "per trip" limit in the Eureka area shoreward of 100 fm is 10,000 lb/ trip all year. Outside Eureka area, the 20,000 lb/ trip limit applies. See IV. B.(3).

4/ N. of 40o10' N Bocaccio and chilipepper are included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and splitnose rockfish is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish. S. of 40°10' N Yellowtail is included in the trip limits for minor shelf rockfish and POP is included in the trip limits for minor slope rockfish.

5/ Closed means that it is prohibited to take and retain, possess, or land the designated species in the time or area indicated. See IV. A.(7).

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**To convert pounds to kilograms, divide by 2.20462, the number of pounds in one kilogram.**



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